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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20549 Attention: Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary

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Re: Sears, Roebuck and Co. Sworn Statements

Dear. Mr. Katz:

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Enclosures

Pursuant to Order of the Securities and Exchange Commission requiring sworn statements pursuant to Section 21(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (File No. 4-460), enclosed please find a sworn statement from each of Alan J. Lacy, Principal Executive Officer, and Paul J. Liska, Principal Financial Officer, of Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and the attached statements by stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and each statement and returning them to the waiting messenger.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (847) 286-4932.

Steven M. Cook

## STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, Alan J. Lacy, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Sears, Roebuck and Co. ("Sears"), and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
  - Annual Report of Sears on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2001;
  - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Sears filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and

• any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Alan J. Lacy

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

August 9, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of August, 2002

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 7/9/2005

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